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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRIP TO US OF LIBERIAN DANCE GROUP

SEEK EMBASSY'S HELP IN DETERMINING FACTS ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIP TO US OF A LIBERIAN DANCE GROUP WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO APPEAR MONDAY APRIL 15 IN CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND PASSED BY STATE DEPARTMENT'S RECEPTION CENTER SAN FRANCISCO WHICH HAS BEEN ASSISTING MISS KNOTT, REPORTEDLY NIECE OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT, AND PROFESSOR JAMES TIBBETS OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY IN THEIR EFFORTS GET DANCE GROUP HERE. DANCERS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED PERFORM IN SAN FRANCISCO EARLY IN APRIL BUT FAILED TO SHOW; PRESENTLY BOOKED NOT ONLY FOR APRIL 15 ENGAGEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE BUT FOR CHICAGO AND NEW YORK LATER THIS MONTH. RECEPTION CENTER INFORMED APRIL 10 BY LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR PEAL THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAD AUTHORIZED GOL PAYMENT OF TRAVEL GROUP - 25 IN ALL - WHICH SHOULD BREAK SOME KIND OF BUREAUCRATIC LOGJAM WHICH HAS BEEN IMPEDING THEIR DEPARTURE UNTIL NOW. RECEPTION CENTER DID NOT KNOW NAME OF ANY CONTACT IN MONROVIA, BUT PRESUMABLY OFFICE OF PRESIDENT MAY HAVE INFORMATION, AS WOULD PAN AM. PLEASE REPLY TO AF DUTY OFFICER TO PASS TO MRS. BERNICE BEHRENS, EITHER AT SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION CENTER 415 556 3990 OR AT HER HOME 415 474 7277. KISSINGER

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